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Wisconsin Guardsmen receive Army Commendation Medals for accident response in Texas

CAMP MCGREGOR, N.M. – Three Wisconsin National Guard soldiers were awarded Army Commendation Medals on Thursday, April 9 for their response to a serious traffic accident in Texas last month.

Sgt. 1st Class Craig D. Cook and Sgt. Randolph R. Lockman II of Wisconsin Rapids, and Spc. Bradley E. Goldstein of Pewaukee received the awards during a ceremony at Camp McGregor, N.M., where they are training with the 32nd Brigade Combat Team for its upcoming deployment to Iraq.

The three were traveling from Camp McGregor to Fort Bliss, Texas, on March 2 when a civilian car traveling ahead of them lost control and rolled several times before landing upside down in the median.

The soldiers immediately stopped to help the victims and found a 4-year-old boy who had been ejected from the car face down on a large thorn bush and a colony of red ants. The boy was bleeding from his mouth and ears and appeared to have broken limbs.

Lockman and Goldstein used their Army training to provide medical aid to the child while Cook helped the child's mother and 2-year-old brother escape from the flipped vehicle. Cook also spoke with emergency responders over the phone and directed them to the scene.

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The three soldiers are assigned to Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 120th Field Artillery in Stevens Point. They have been training at Fort Bliss and Camp McGregor since February and will depart soon for Iraq.

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Photos available:



Sgt. 1st Class Craig D. Cook



Spc. Bradley E. Goldstein



Sgt. Randolph R. Lockman II

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